

**REMARKS**

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, applicants respectfully request that the specification and claims be amended as set forth above.

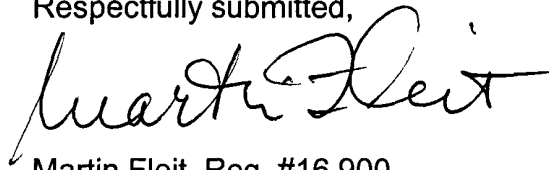
This application is related to and a Continuation of International Application PCT/JP02/00743. The specification is amended to identify the relationship.

Claim 3 is amended to eliminate multiple dependency. Minor amendments have been made to claims 10, 49 and 50.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Please charge any required fee (or credit any overpayments of fees) to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 500601 (Docket no. 738-X03-005).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Fleit", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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